

A bill for an act

relating to employment; appropriating money for extended employment services for persons with disabilities; establishing purpose and need for extended employment services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **PURPOSE AND NEED FOR EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.15, extended employment services are offered on a statewide basis through a network of nonprofit service providers and private employers to individuals with severe disabilities and other profound limitations. The support services offered through the extended employment program allow such individuals to seek, secure, and maintain employment that encompasses a broad range of choices and promotes each participant's self-sufficiency and financial independence.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$5,739,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$5,739,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, from the general fund and \$7,420,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$7,420,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities and other profound limitations as provided for under Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.15.